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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers dated March 22, 2002, enclosed please find five (5) sheets of substitute (formal) drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

While it is believed that no additional charges are due as a result of this

Response, in the event any additional fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS 🌃 from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be 🔯 obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Numbers, letters, and reference characters must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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